

Preparing for joint, combined operations



Above, Flight Lieutenant Lynette Calame (left) and Squadron Leader Tori Thomas (right), both of the Royal Air Force, familiarize themselves with the M-60 machine gun during a demonstration at Shaw's combat arms training and maintenance facility. Right, Staff Sgt. Michael Lewis, 609th Air Communications Squadron, sets up a Tactical Quiet Power Plant during the exercise.



Right, Senior Aircraftsman John Mitchell of the Royal Air Force works on a communications disk June 8 during Combined Joint Task Force Exercise 04-2. U.S. and multinational forces were presented with realistic scenarios that replicate operational challenges military forces encounter around the world. More than 1,100 U.S. and British forces were at Shaw for the exercise. More than 28,000 people participated at military installations along the east coast.



Photos by Master Sgt. Paul Holcomb

Shoplifting means legal action at Shaw

By Airman 1st Class Susan Penning
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Most people have seen signs posted at the entrance of stores and in dressing rooms which state, 'Shoplifting is a crime. It is not a prank or joke... shoplifters will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.' But what really happens to someone who's been caught stealing on base?

For members under the age of 18 caught shoplifting from an AAFES facility, the legal action that can be taken against them is outlined in Shaw Air Force Base Instruction 51-101, *Juvenile Corrections Program*. According to the regulation, any unmarried person under the age of 18 caught shoplifting at Shaw must appear before a juvenile corrections board here. The offender may receive punishments including being banned from all AAFES facilities for no less than one year, an enforced curfew, community service and possible termination of base housing privileges for the entire family.

Civilian dependents over the age of 18 caught shoplifting on base are subject to punishment from the local magistrate court, which has jurisdiction.

According to 1st Lt. Brad Morris, 20th FW Legal Office chief of legal assistance, Articles 15 are the most common form of punishment for military members caught shoplifting, but additional administrative action may also be taken.

AAFES facilities implement numerous measures to deter shoplifters, including security cameras and



undercover store detectives, according to Ms. Mona Chua, a loss prevention manager at Shaw's Base Exchange. She said in addition to any legal action,

AAFES charges shoplifters a \$200 civil recovery fee.

One Shaw teen caught shoplifting at the BX recounts his experience with an AAFES detective and the JCB.

"[My friends and I] walked around the BX," he said. "After a short discussion and plan, we moved into action. I quickly removed the CD from the rack, lowered it below the shelf and almost instinctively broke off the plastic holder, discarding it under the shelf. I smoothly moved the CD to my best friend, where it immediately disappeared into his pants.

As we departed the store, an AAFES detective approached us. 'Excuse me, I'm the AAFES detective,' he said, 'and you boys will have to come with me.'

We were searched, and I learned for the first time what my rights are. Then, my dad and I had to stand in front of a court, being stared at by some very serious-looking military men.

Besides being restricted from all AAFES facilities, I was sentenced to 40 hours of community service. I picked up trash, wiped down gym equipment, shredded endless mounds of paper and made sandbags.

The advice I can offer others: don't steal, it's definitely not worth it!"



Spirit Spotlight



1st Lt. Chris Palumbo



Organization: 20th Medical Support Squadron

Duty title: Resource Management Flight commander

Job duties: Manage the 20th Medical Group's financial and personnel resources

Hometown: Alexandria, La.

Time in service: 12 years

Family: Wife, Renee and children, Logan and Hollie

Off-duty interests: Playing golf and doing woodworking

Words I live by: "You'll always miss 100% of the shots you don't take."

Staff Sgt. Glen Jamieson



Organization: 20th Operations Support Squadron

Duty title: Air traffic controller

Job duties: Separation and sequencing of aircraft

Hometown: Sheffield, Ohio

Time in service: Four years

Family: Wife, Carla and son, Alex

Off-duty interests: Spending time with wife and son

Words I live by: "There's a big sky out there."